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SUBJ: ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF FATHERS UNDER SECTION 101

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- 1. QUESTION FOUR: NONE IN EITHER BELGRADE OR ZAGREB.
- 2. QUESTION FIVE: NOT APPLICABLE.
- 3. QUESTION SIX: NOT APPLICABLE.
- 4. QUESTION SEVEN: UNDER SERBIAN FAMILY LAW THE PATERNAL RELATIONSHIP OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD MAY BE ESTABLISHED EITHER BY ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCESS.

  IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS MOTHER REPORTS NAME OF FATHER TO LOCAL REGISTRAR. THE LATTER CALLS THE PERSON IN QUESTION AND IF THAT PERSON (FATHER) ACKNOWLEDGES THE FACT OF PATERNITY THE REGISTRAR ENTERS HIS NAME AS THE CHILD'S FATHER INTO THE BIRTH REGISTRAR. IF, HOWEVER, THE ALLEGED FATHER DENIES THE MOTHER'S ALLEGATION, THE CASE IS TAKEN TO THE COMPETENT COURT FOR A FINAL DECISION.

IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, THE RIGHT TO INSTITUATE COURT PROCEEDINGS BELONGS TO THE CHILD ON WHOSE BEHALF HIS MOTHER OR GUARDIAN (DURING HIS MINORITY) CAN FILE A LAW SUIT, BUT NOT LATER THAN THE CHILD'S TWENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

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IN CASES WHERE PATERNITY IS BEING ESTABLISHED AT THE REQUEST

OF THE FATHER WITHOUT THE MOTHER'S INSISTANCE, THE MOTHER MUST GIVE HER CONSENT THAT THE FACT BE RECORDED AND PATERNITY ESTABLISHED. IF THE CHILD IS OF AGE, HIS/HER CONSENT IS ALSO REQUIRED.

IN THE SERBIAN REPUBLIC LAW AND CROATIAN REPUBLIC LAW BLOOD TESTS AND GENE TESTS ARE USED IN ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY.

5. QUESTION EIGHT: THE LOCAL LEGAL PROCEDURES SEEM THE BEST METHOD OF ESTABLISHING LEGAL PATERNITY IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS ACCEPTANCE OF THESE PROCEDURES AS A RELATIVELY SAFE CRITERION. SWEITZER

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